

Ph.D. in American Studies in 1957. Focusing on the history of science he wrote a dissertation titled, *The Reception of Darwinism in the U.S., 1859-1880*. He rejoined the SMC history department in 1956, and created the interdisciplinary American studies major.

Pfeifer was vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College from 1969 to 1974, and was awarded the first SMC faculty appreciation award ever given, in 1966. He received the award again in 1967 and 1982. Pfeifer retired in 1986 and the SMC yearbook was dedicated in his name, yearbook editor, Linda Robitaille '86 said, "He was kind to his students, he awed us, he was remarkably concerned with helping us learn."

ROBERT LANCTOT

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, my very good friend, Robert Lanctot, died after a courageous bout with cancer. Bob, and his wife Betty, were two very special friends of my wife and I.

When I first ran for the Senate in 1974, Bob helped me in an area of the state where no Democrat could ever expect to get votes. Everybody told him I couldn't win, but he persevered and not only did I win, but went on in subsequent elections to carry the area significantly. I have always felt that a large part of that was do to Bob Lanctot.

Notwithstanding our close friendship, Bob never requested anything for himself or his family from me. He did, however, continuously speak out for those people who did not have a strong voice in Washington. He truly believed in helping working families and those who have always made our state and our country strong. We have lost a special Vermonter, and I ask unanimous consent that the obituary from the *Caledonia Record* be printed in the *RECORD*.

There being no objection, the article was ordered to be printed in the *RECORD*, as follows:

[From the *Caledonian-Record*, Sept. 21, 1998]

LANCTOT: Robert "Bob" L. Sr., 77, formerly of Peacham and St. Johnsbury, died at his daughter and son-in-law's home in Waterford Sunday morning, Sept. 20, 1998.

He was born in St. Johnsbury Feb. 28, 1921, the last surviving child of Archie and Ann (Brunelle) Lanctot. He married Betty L. Farnham; together they raised six children. Betty predeceased him, Sept. 12, 1996, and the oldest son Robert predeceased his mother in January of 1996.

Bob was a great believer in the rights of the common worker. He was president of the Northeast Kingdom Labor Council for a number of years, served as vice president of the state labor council, and was a very active member of local 5518. He was the delegate to the state labor convention for the last 25 years and was recognized by the Vermont State labor council AFL-CIO for his significant contributions to that organization, the labor movement and Vermont working families. Bob was a working Vermonter, retiring from Vermont America in 1982.

Bob was a strong Democrat. He was an active and valuable member of the Caledonia County Democratic committee. He held many positions over the years with the Vermont State Democratic Party, including the platform committee, and most recently served on the state executive board.

He was a veteran of World War II and a member of Sheridan Council 421 Knights of Columbus. He also served on the board of directors of NEKCA and Vermont State Council on Alcoholism.

He is survived by five children, Patricia Ann Salomonson of Manchester, N.H., James Lanctot and wife Kathy of Lyndonville, Judith Syx of Hartland, Richard Lanctot of Burlington, and Elaine Robinson and husband Thomas of Waterford; 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; a daughter-in-law, Judy Woods Lanctot of Jamaica Plain, Mass.; several nieces and nephews and a multitude of friends. He was predeceased by brothers Lester, Philip and William, and a sister Agnes.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. John's Church. Burial will be at the convenience of the family at Peacham Cemetery. Visiting hours will be held at the funeral home Tuesday from 6-8 p.m.

Memorial contributions, marked for hospice, may be directed to Caledonia Home Health & Hospice, P.O. Box 383, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819.

Arrangements are by Sayles Funeral Home, 68 Summer St., St. Johnsbury.

U.S. FOREIGN OIL CONSUMPTION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 2

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, the American Petroleum Institute reports that for the week ending October 2 the U.S. imported 7,925,000 barrels of oil each day, 1,567,000 barrels a day less than the 9,492,000 imported during the same week a year ago.

While this is one of the rare weeks when Americans imported slightly less foreign oil than the same week a year ago, Americans still relied on foreign oil for 55.7 percent of their needs last week. There are no signs that the upward spiral will abate. Before the Persian Gulf War, the United States imported about 45 percent of its oil supply from foreign countries. During the Arab oil embargo in the 1970s, foreign oil accounted for only 35 percent of America's oil supply.

All Americans should ponder the economic calamity certain to occur in the U.S. if and when foreign producers shut off our supply—or double the already enormous cost of imported oil flowing into the U.S.: now 7,925,000 barrels a day at a cost of approximately \$110,870,750 a day.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Tuesday, October 6, 1998, the federal debt stood at \$5,536,217,307,823.51 (Five trillion, five hundred thirty-six billion, two hundred seventeen million, three hundred seven thousand, eight hundred twenty-three dollars and fifty-one cents).

One year ago, October 6, 1997, the federal debt stood at \$5,413,433,000,000 (Five trillion, four hundred thirteen billion, four hundred thirty-three million).

Five years ago, October 6, 1993, the federal debt stood at \$4,404,063,000,000 (Four trillion, four hundred four billion, sixty-three million).

Ten years ago, October 6, 1988, the federal debt stood at \$2,622,288,000,000 (Two trillion, six hundred twenty-two billion, two hundred eighty-eight million).

Fifteen years ago, October 6, 1983, the federal debt stood at \$1,385,380,000,000 (One trillion, three hundred eighty-five billion, three hundred eighty million) which reflects a debt increase of more than \$4 trillion—\$4,150,837,307,823.51 (Four trillion, one hundred fifty billion, eight hundred thirty-seven million, three hundred seven thousand, eight hundred twenty-three dollars and fifty-one cents) during the past 15 years.

NRA'S "REFUSE TO BE A VICTIM" IS A VALUABLE, SENSIBLE PROGRAM

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, the Department of Justice confirms that in the United States there was a rape for every 270 women, a robbery for every 240 women and an assault for every 29 women in 1994. (In the three year period from 1992-94, the number of violent crimes committed against our wives, sisters, mothers, and daughters totaled nearly 14 million.)

In response to statistics like these, the women of the National Rifle Association created the "Refuse to be a Victim" program five years ago. The basic premise of the program can be summed up by an old saying—an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. The course teaches women not to live in fear of threats, but rather, to respect likely threats and prepare to avoid or effectively respond to them.

The centerpiece of the "Refuse to be a Victim" program is a three-hour public service safety seminar designed by, taught by, and presented to women in order to help them protect themselves. Since its inception, this common sense safety and self-defense program has been presented in 35 states and the District of Columbia. More than 600 instructors, including 9 in North Carolina, have trained and empowered thousands of women to protect themselves and their families.

Mr. President, the course equips women with the tools they need to design their own personal safety strategy. By increasing awareness of dangerous situations and providing knowledge of self-protection techniques and crime-fighting and personal safety resources, the program maximizes its participants ability to successfully avoid or, in the worst case, survive an attack.

The program features practical but frequently overlooked advice on home security such as the installation of effective lock and security systems, planting "defensive" shrubbery around windows, and keeping a cellular phone by the bedside in case an intruder disables your home phone. It also provides information on how to avoid being a victim of a car-jacker as well as the proper and safe use of personal safety

devices such as alarms, sprays, stun guns and firearms.

For those unable to attend a seminar personally, the program has distributed more than 200,000 of the informative "42 Strategies for Personal Safety" brochures nationwide.

Mr. President, the women of the NRA are to be commended for the development of this important program. The contributions of the "Refuse to be a Victim" program are indeed impressive. This program is a fine example of the type of pro-active safety and security training that the National Rifle Association has long provided to our citizens. I hope that women in every part of our great nation will consider participating in this outstanding program and, in so doing, join the more than ten thousand women who have already benefited from it.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 9:48 a.m., the message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House disagrees to the amendment to the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4276) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints Mr. ROGERS, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. REGULA, Mr. LATHAM, Mr. LIVINGSTON, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. MOLLOHAN, Mr. SKAGGS, Mr. DIXON, and Mr. OBEY as the managers of the conference on the part of the House.

At 4:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hanrahan, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate

H.R. 1794. An act for the relief of Mai Hoa "Jasmin" Salehi.

H.R. 1834. An act for the relief of Mercedes Del Carmen Quiroz Martinez Cruz.

H.R. 4259. An act to allow Haskell Indian Nations University and the Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute each to conduct a demonstration project to test the feasibility and desirability of new personnel manage-

ment policies and procedures, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3694) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The House further announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 314. An act to provide a process for identifying the functions of the Federal Government that are not inherently governmental functions, and for other purposes.

H.R. 449. An act to provide for the orderly disposal of certain Federal lands in Clark County, Nevada, and to provide for the acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands in the State of Nevada.

H.R. 930. An act to require Federal employees to use Federal travel charge cards for all payments of expenses of official Government travel, to amend title 31, United States Code, to establish requirements for prepayment audits of Federal agency transportation expenses, to authorize reimbursement of Federal agency employees for taxes incurred on travel or transportation reimbursements, and to authorize test programs for the payment of Federal employee travel expenses and relocation expenses.

H.R. 1481. An act to amend the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act of 1990 to provide for implementation of recommendations of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service contained in the Great Lakes Fishery Resources Restoration Study.

H.R. 1836. An act to amend chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, to improve administrative sanctions against unfit health care providers under the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-7297. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Chairman of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Markets for Small Business and Commercial Mortgage Related Securities"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7298. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Hospice Wage Index" (RIN0938-A187) received on October 2, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7299. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule

entitled "Classification of Certain Transactions Involving Computer Programs" (RIN1545-AU70) received on October 2, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7300. A communication from the Interim District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Statutory Audit of the District's Depository Activities for Fiscal Years 1996 and 1997"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7301. A communication from the Chairman of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 1999 Performance Accountability Plan for the District of Columbia"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7302. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Reform of Affirmative Action in Federal Procurement" (RIN9000-AH59) received on October 2, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7303. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock by Trawl Vessels Using Nonpelagic Trawl Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands" (I.D. 092898A) received on October 2, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7304. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock by Trawl Vessels Using Nonpelagic Trawl Gear in Bycatch Limitation Zone 1 of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands" (I.D. 092898E) received on October 2, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7305. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (I.D. 092298B) received on October 2, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7306. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director of the National Institutes of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Upgrading of the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB) Accreditation Manual" (RIN0693-ZA21) received on October 2, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7307. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century; Implementation for Participation in the Value Pricing Pilot Program" (Docket 98-4300) received on October 2, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7308. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Occupant Protection Incentive Grants" (Docket 98-4496) received